

THE QCD PLASMA NEAR T_c : AN UPDATE



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OUTLINE

- Introduction: QCD plasma near T_c
- The geometry and physics of jet quenching
- Effect of light fermions on confinement transition
- Summary

X.Zhang, JL, PLB, arXiv:1202.1047 [nucl-th]

X. Zhang, JL, to appear soon

JL, arXiv:1109.0271 [nucl-th]

J.Jia, W.Horowitz, JL, Phys.Rev. C84 (2011) 034904

JL, Shuryak, Phys.Rev.Lett. 102 (2009) 202302

JL, Shuryak, arXiv:1206.3989

SOME OF YOU MIGHT RECALL...

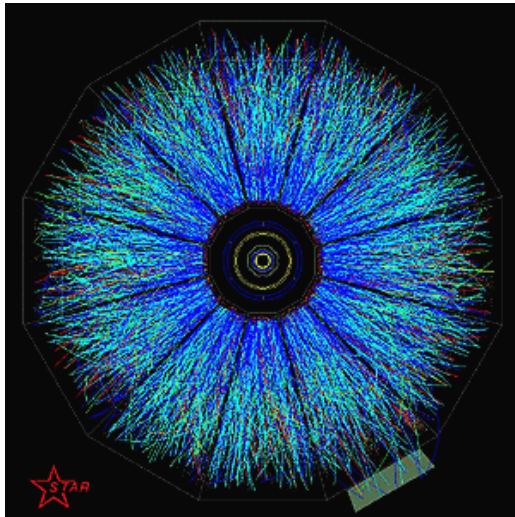
**Feb 2008 RIKEN Lunch Seminar on
“Magnetic quasi-particles in sQGP”**

**Nov 2010 RIKEN Lunch Seminar on
“The geometry of jet quenching”**

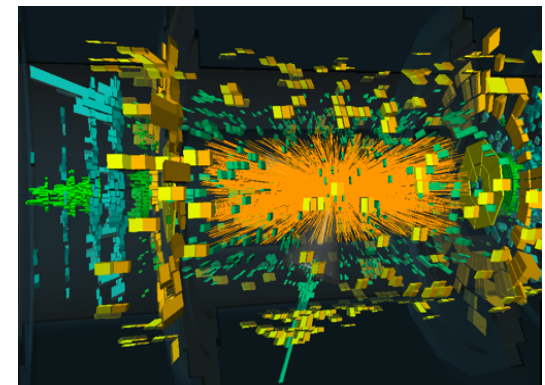
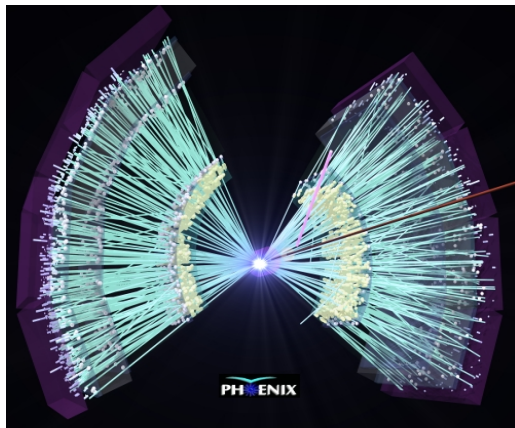
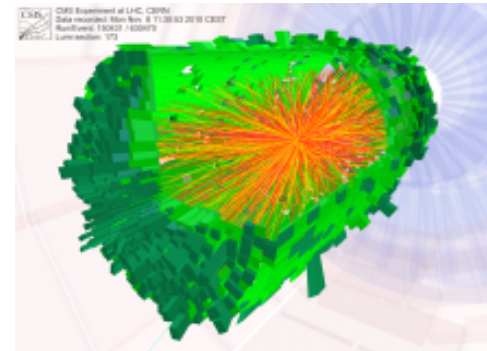
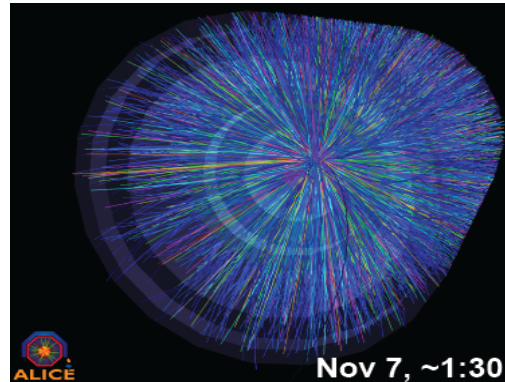
**Today:
An update on new, exciting progresses.**

HOT QCD MATTER FROM RHIC TO LHC

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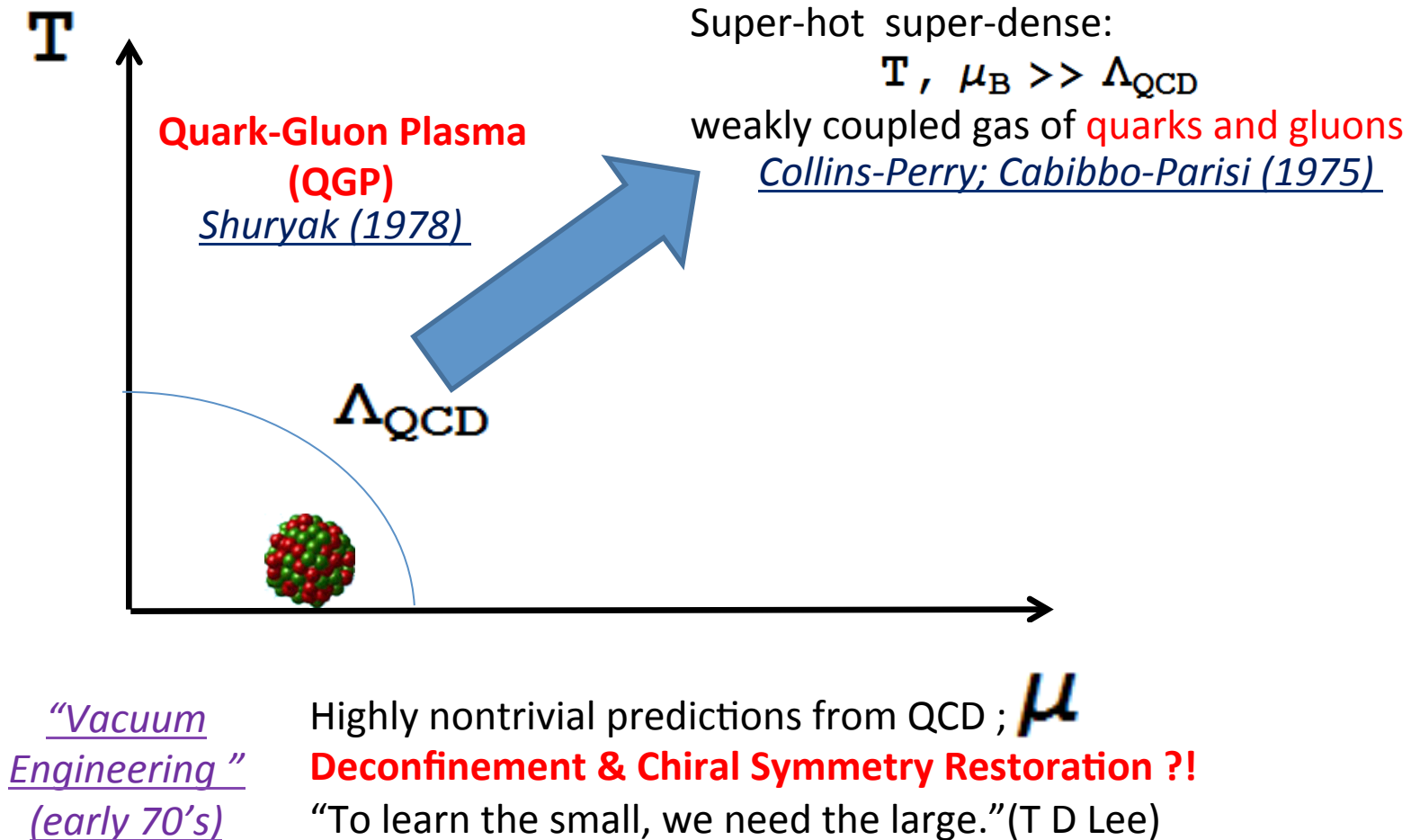


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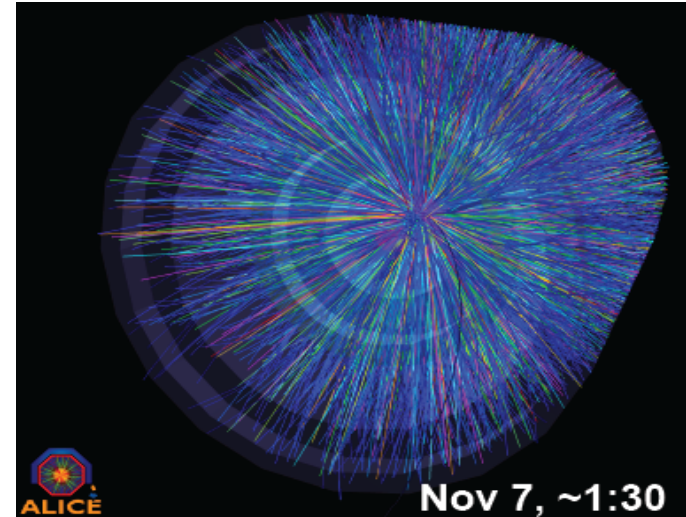
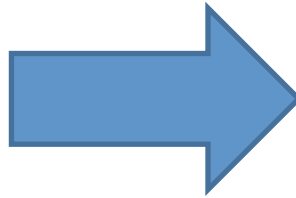
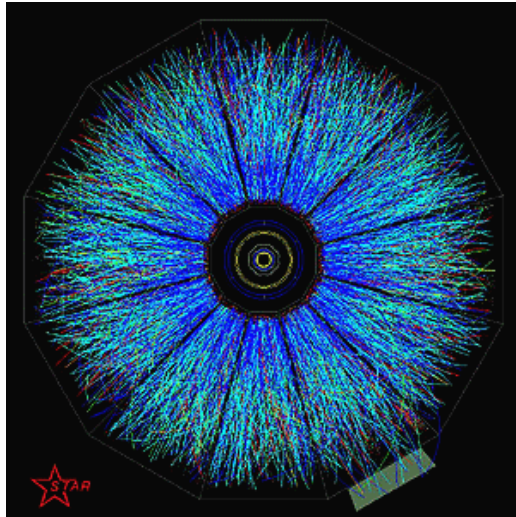
**Beautiful “little bang” delivered !
Great lever arms !**

ASYMPTOTICALLY FREE MATTER?



RHIC came with many surprises: a strongly coupled quark-gluon matter

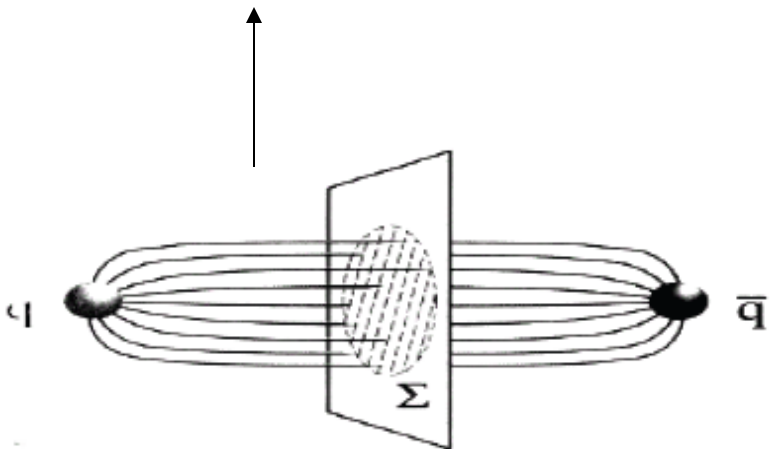
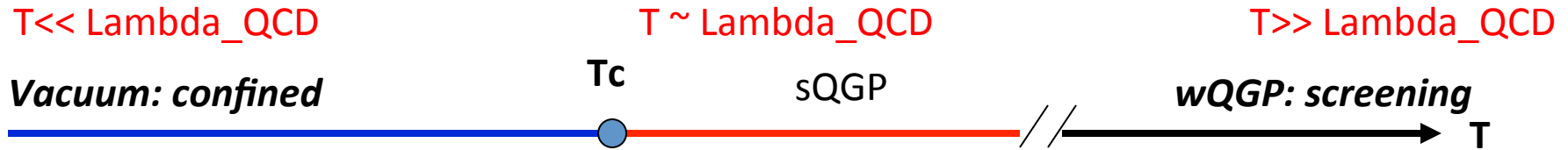
HOT QCD MATTER FROM RHIC TO LHC



Unique opportunity to better understand BOTH !

- *A more “perfect” fluid or less?*
- *A more opaque medium or less?*
- *How much closer are we getting to the “AFM”?*
 - *Theoretically: what’s the structure of the QCD matter at RHIC energy and how should that change at LHC energy?*
- *What to expect at the LHC top energy HIC?*

EMERGENT QCD MATTER NEAR T_c



Electric Flux Tube:
Magnetic Condensate

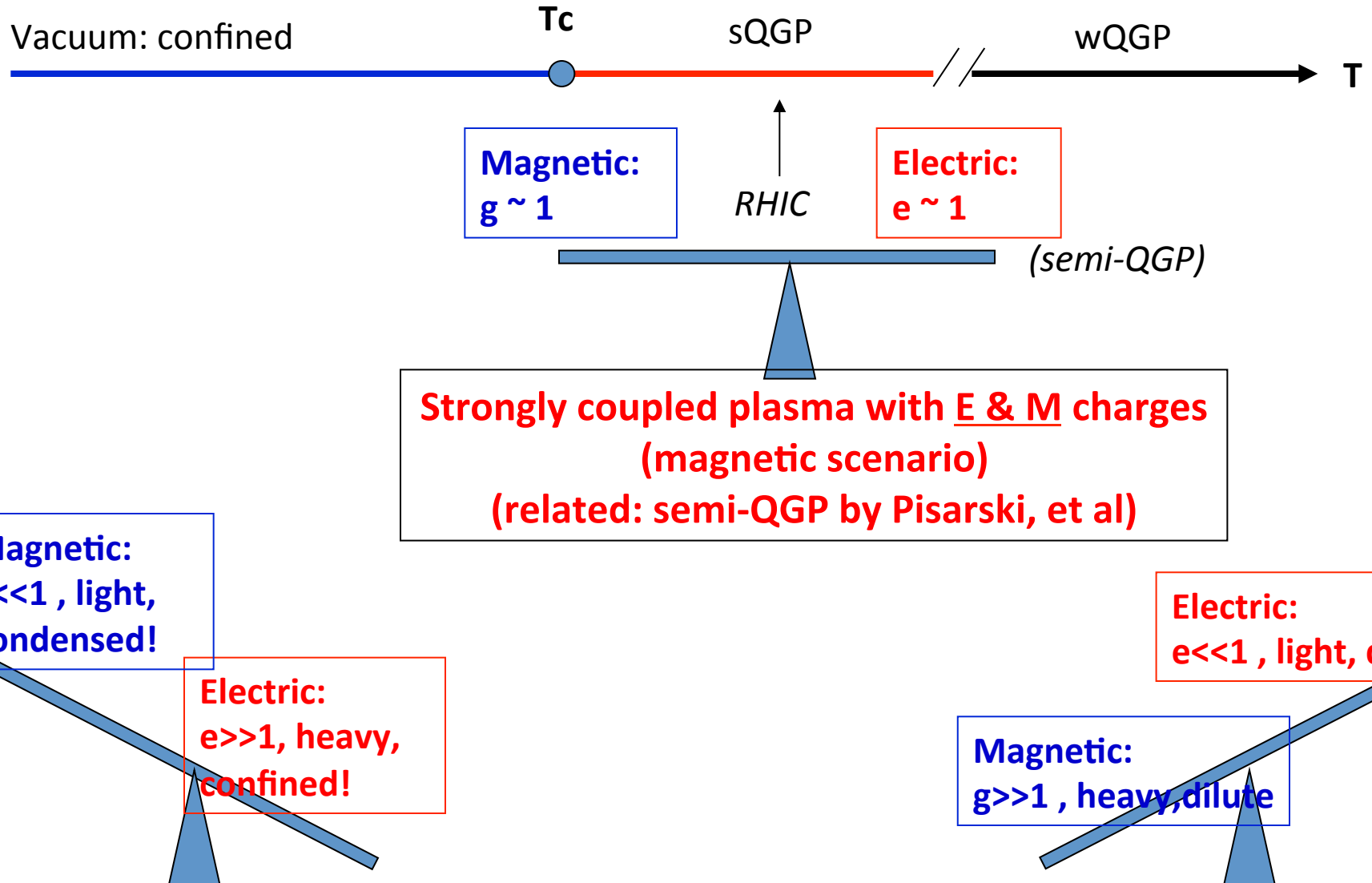
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Plasma of E-charges
E-screening: $g T$
M-screening: $g^2 T$

Dual superconductor
't Hooft ; Mandelstam late 70's
Manifested in Seiberg-Witten

SQGP AS AN E-M SEE-SAW QGP

JL & Shuryak, PRC(07),PRL(08)



MAGNETIC SCENARIO FOR QCD PLASMA NEAR T_c

- Generic E-M Duality: at strong gauge coupling, chromo-magnetic monopoles become the dominant degrees of freedom.
- Plasma close to T_c is special: a strong magnetic component, dominant around T_c .
- RHIC phenomenology is particularly sensitive to the properties of QCD plasma near T_c
- ***Rapid turn-off when getting away from T_c
(-----the quick message to take away)***

JL & Shuryak:

Phys.Rev.C75:054907,2007; Phys.Rev.Lett.101:162302,2008;

Phys.Rev.C77:064905,2008; Phys.Rev.D82:094007,2010;

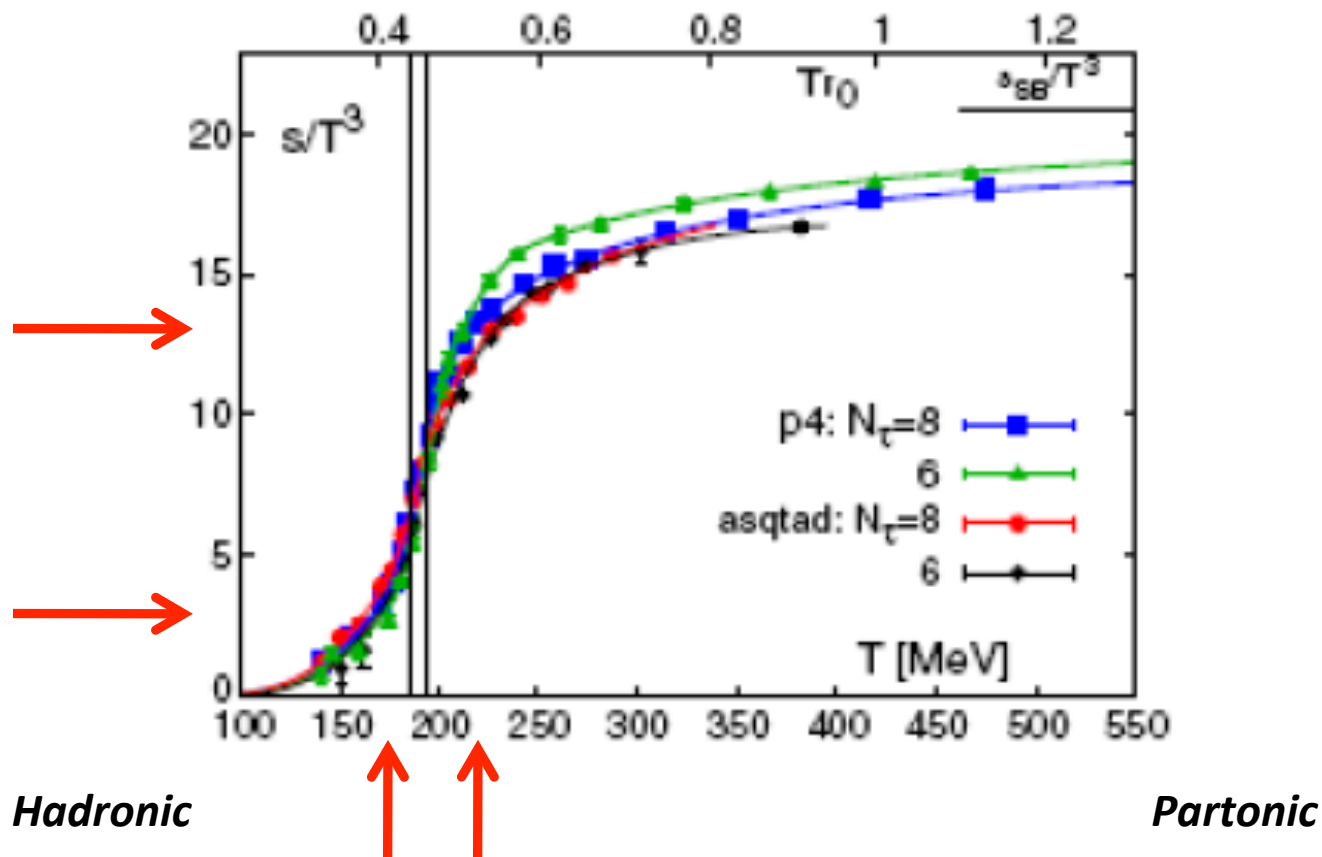
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NEAR-TC MATTER: THERMODYNAMICS

Near T_c : a wide window in terms of entropy density !

What is the nature of confinement transition?

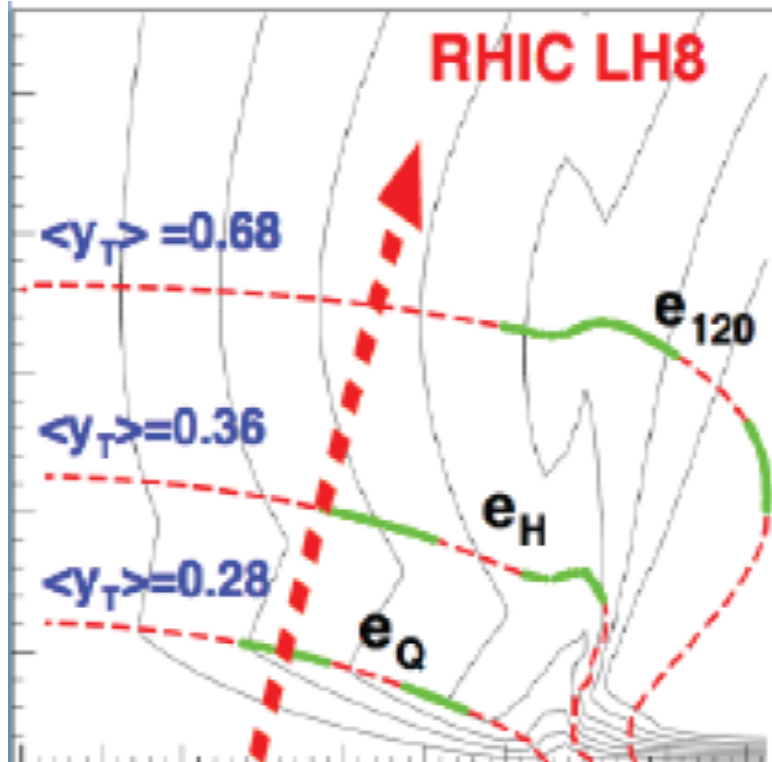
Can H.I.C. help us understand the matter just about to confine?



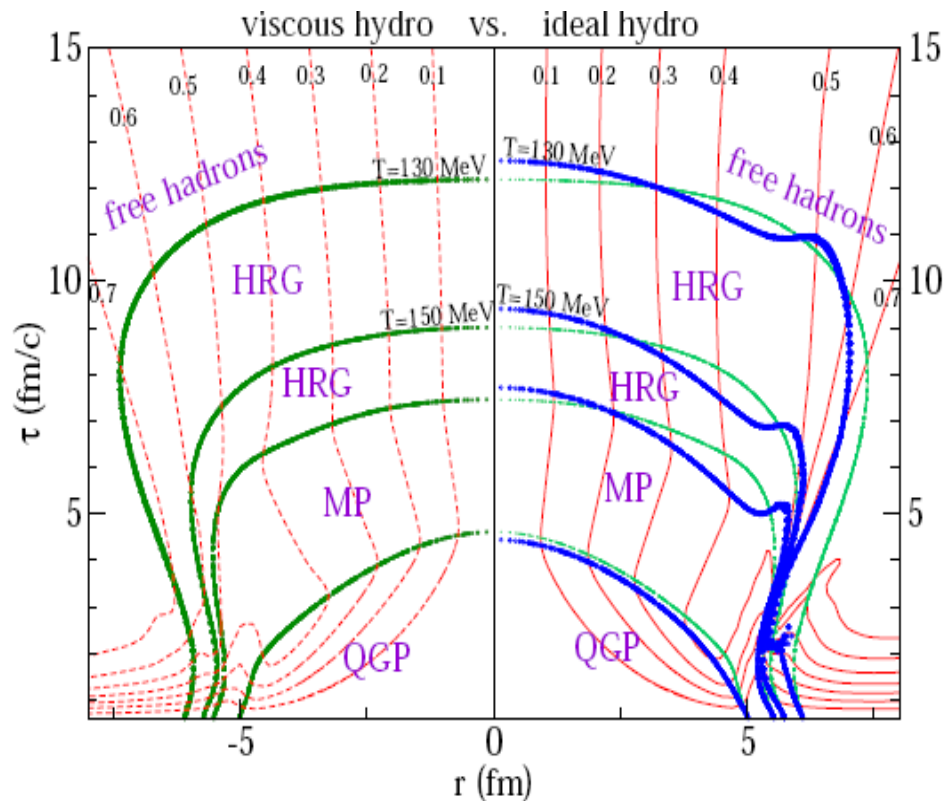
The world is much richer than just a HRG and a Stefan-Boltzmann QGP!

NEAR-Tc MATTER: HYDRODYNAMICS

Near Tc Matter (between HRG and QGP) occupies large space time volume ($\sim 1/3$) during the fireball evolution.

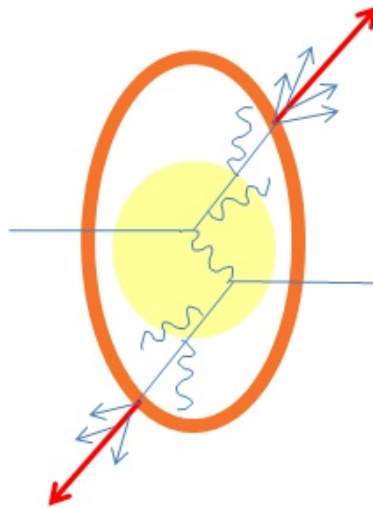


Teaney & Shuryak



Heinz & Song

THE GEOMETRY AND PHYSIC OF JET QUENCHING

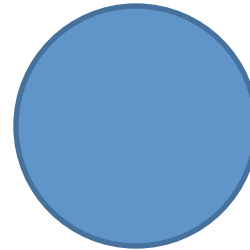
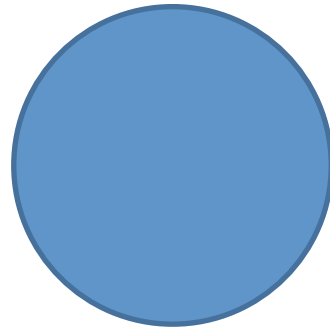


GEOMETRIC TOMOGRAPHY

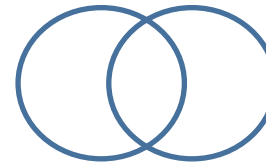
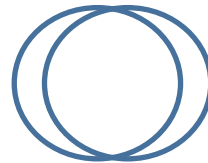
Geometry of nuclei and geometry of collisions play essential roles in jet quenching.

Gyulassy, Vitev, Wang;

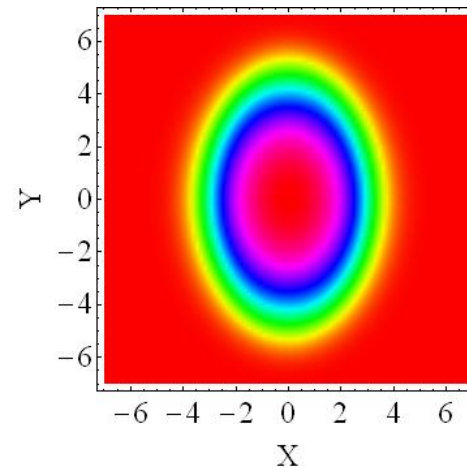
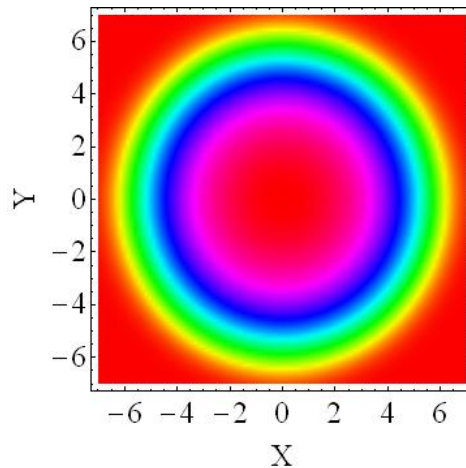
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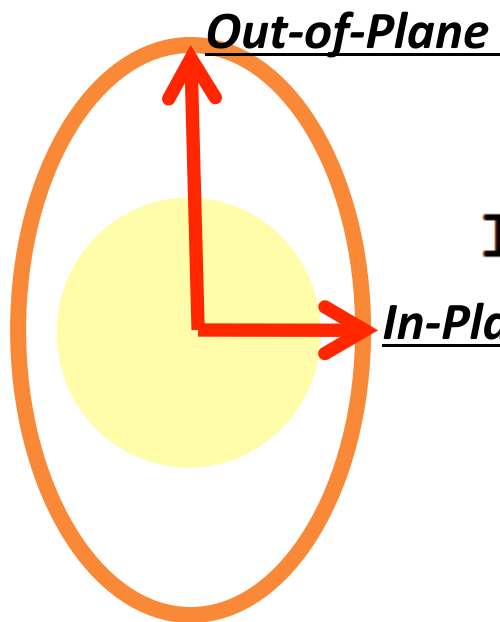
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Same dynamics, different geometry → predictable change in exp. outcome with geometry!

GEOMETRIC DATA: V2(HARD)

Non-central collision \rightarrow matter spatial anisotropy \rightarrow quenching anisotropy



$$R_{aa}(\phi)$$

$$I_{in} < I_{out} \Rightarrow (R_{aa})_{in} > (R_{aa})_{out}$$

Positive v_2 for high P_t particles:

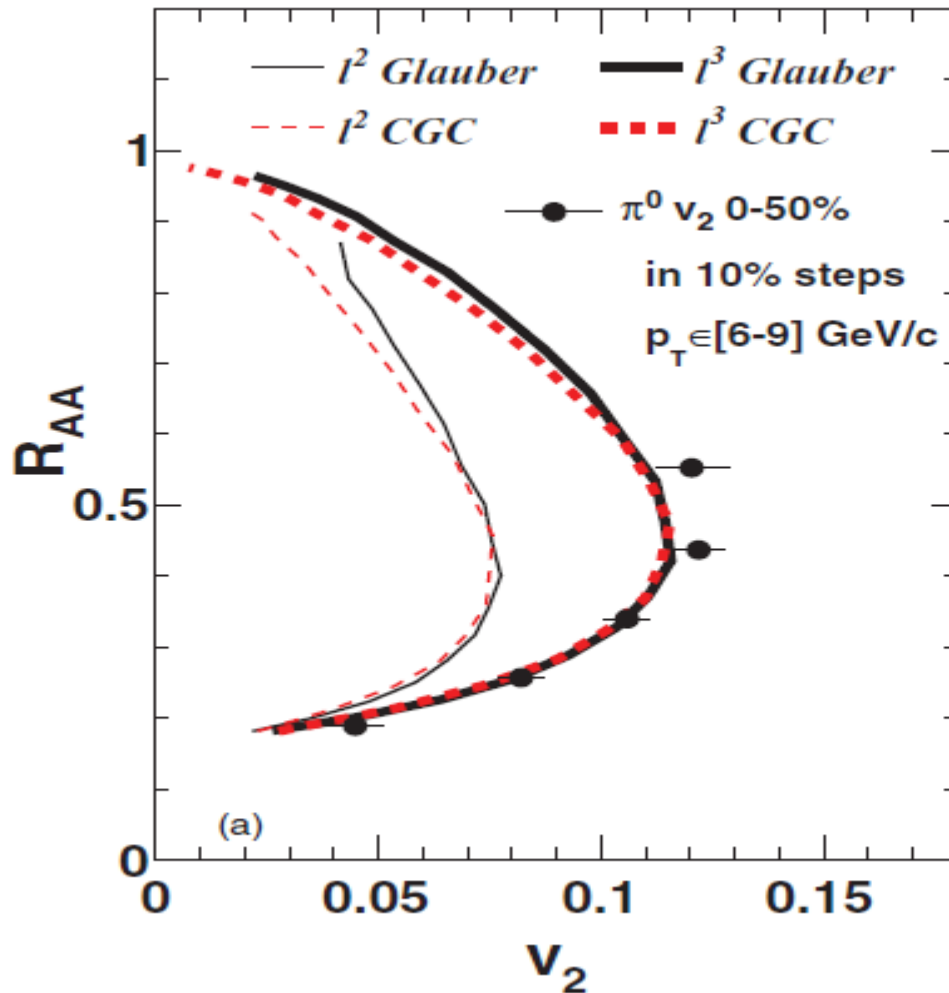
$$v_2(\text{high } P_t) = \frac{(R_{aa})_{in} - (R_{aa})_{out}}{2[(R_{aa})_{in} + (R_{aa})_{out}]}$$

More sensitivity, better discriminating power

In the last 2-3 years: fluctuations bring even more interesting geometry!!

CORRELATED GEOMETRIC OBSERVABLES

Jia, Horowitz, JL, Phys.Rev. C84 (2011) 034904



And many more multi-observable correlations to constraint models:

Raa, V2, laa, V2_laa, ...

***NOW EVEN MORE INTERESTING:
V1, V3, V4, V5, V6, ...
Need to be studied !***

***(Please come to XILIN ZHANG's
Nuclear Seminar Tomorrow
On hard probe of geometry
and fluctuations!)***

A BIT OF HISTORY

➤ Gyulassy-Vitev-Wang (01); Wang (01): nQCD based model predictions

➤ STAR preliminary data showed m

➤ Shuryak (01): completely opaque
hard sphere geometry →

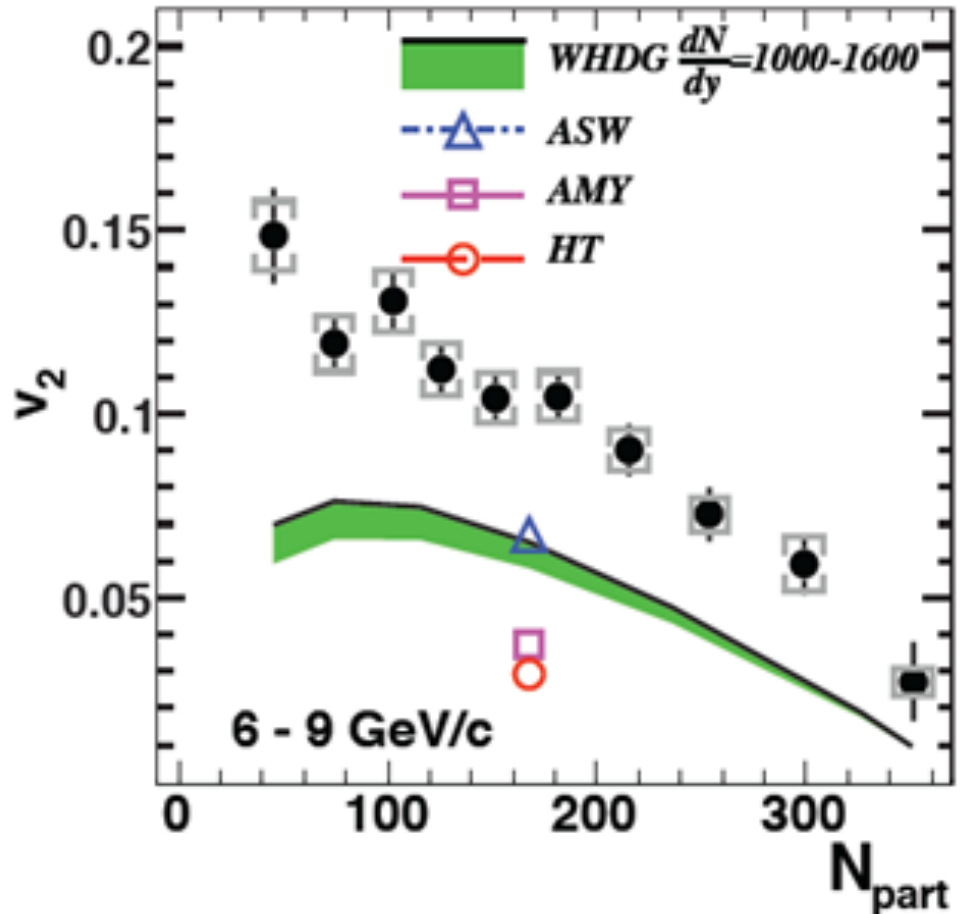
➤ More data out, till $P_t \sim 6 \text{ GeV}$, the

➤ Drees-Feng-Jia (05): more realist
various path dependence,

➤ pQCD based models continued to

➤ PHENIX Run4 data, Run7 preliminary
→ rather flat above 6 GeV .

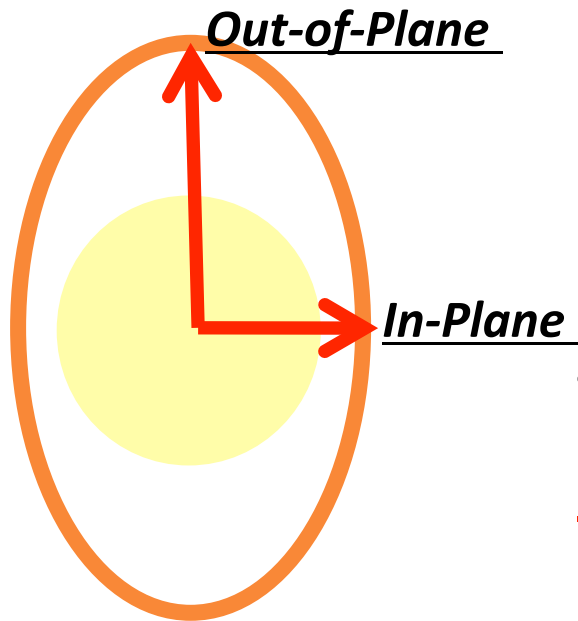
➤ ??? “an area that is kind of stuck
of ideas how to proceed”



Till about ~ 2008:

**previous models failed to describe the (already high quality) geometric data:
producing too small anisotropy (V_2) with fixed opacity (R_{aa}).**

PINNING THE RIGHT GEOMETRY

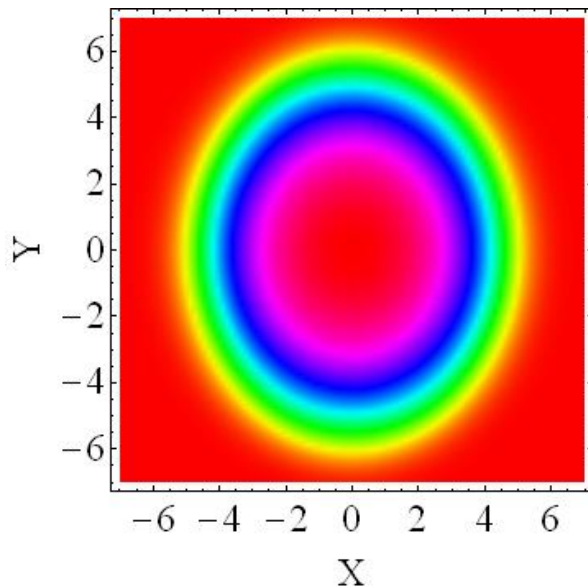


$$R_{aa}(\phi)$$

The puzzle may concern more radical questions:

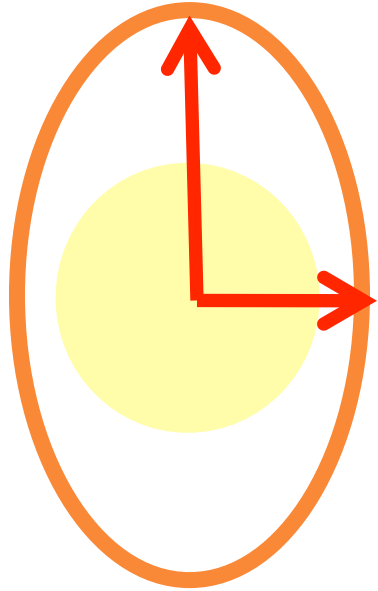
Where are jets quenched ???

JL & Shuryak, PRL102:202302,2009



“Egg yolk” has one geometry,
“Egg white” has another:
overall opacity can not tell →
measure geometry to pin physics

THE “EGG YOLK V.S. WHITE”

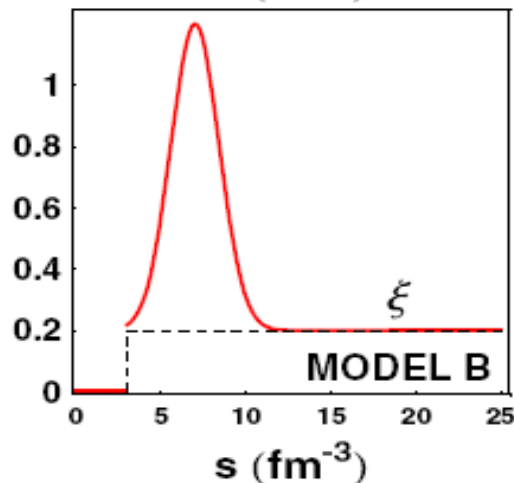


$$I = \int_{\text{path}} \kappa[s] s x^n dx$$

Taken for granted in ALL previous models:

$$\kappa[s] \Rightarrow \text{constant}$$

Instead, we think it shall have non-monotonic dependence, particularly enhanced near the phase boundary due to Nonperturbative dynamics related to confinement!



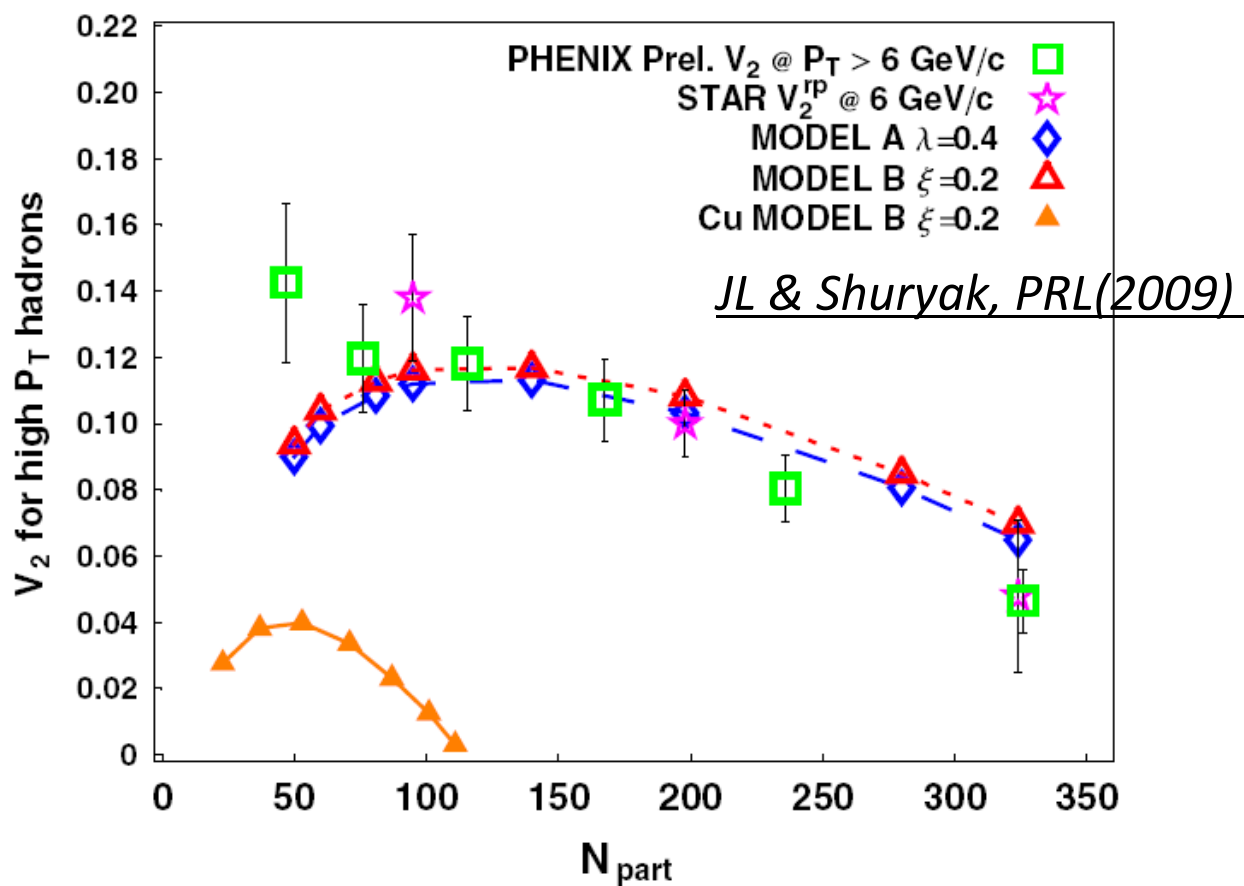
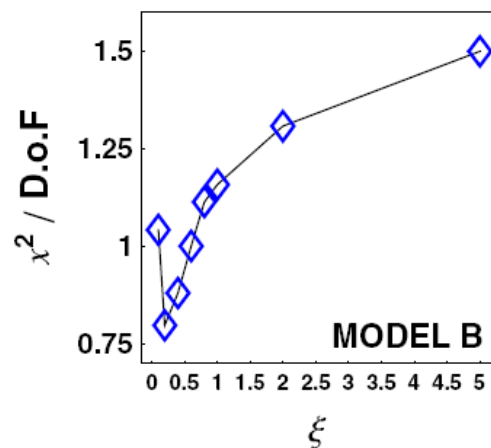
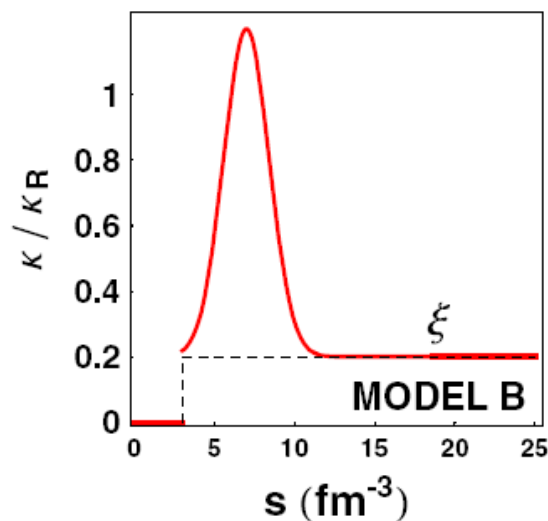
With such strong enhancement

→ Enhance quenching at late time

→ Pick up more the “egg white” geometry

NEAR-Tc ENHANCEMENT EXPLAINS GEOMETRIC DATA

Two components: near Tc & QGP.



Data favors $\xi \sim 0.2$: VERY strong enhancement of jet quenching in near Tc matter !

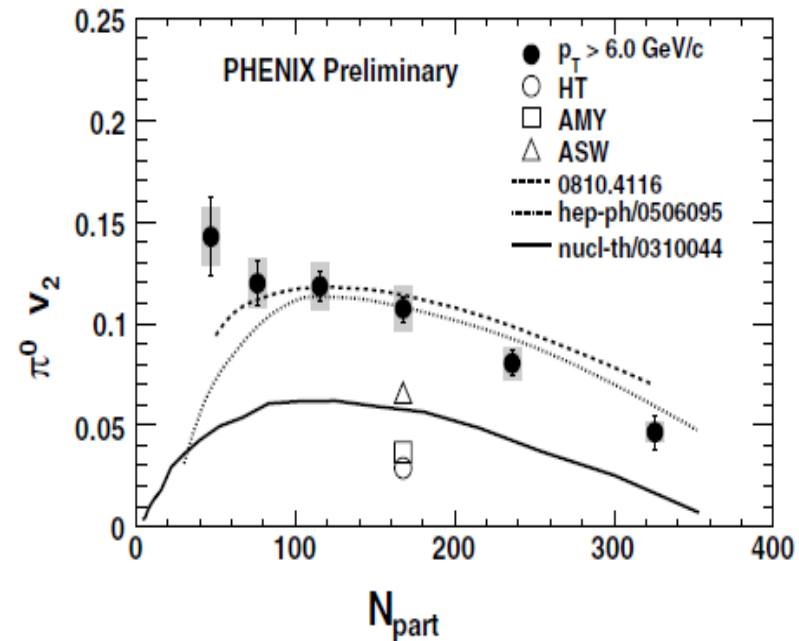
NEAR-Tc ENHANCEMENT EXPLAINS GEOMETRIC DATA

PHYSICAL REVIEW C **80**, 054907 (2009)

High- p_T π^0 production with respect to the reaction plane in Au + Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

S. Afanasiev,¹⁷ C. Aidala,⁷ N. N. Ajitanand,⁴³ Y. Akiba,^{37,38} J. Alexander,⁴³ A. Al-Jamel,³³ K. Aoki,^{23,37} L. Aphecetche,⁴⁵ R. Armendariz,³³ S. H. Aronson,³ R. Averbeck,⁴⁴ T. C. Awes,³⁴ B. Azmoun,³ V. Babintsev,¹⁴ A. Baldisseri,⁸ K. N. Barish,⁴ P. D. Barnes,²⁶ B. Bassalleck,³² S. Bathe,⁴ S. Batsouli,⁷ V. Baublis,³⁶ F. Bauer,⁴ A. Bazilevsky,³ S. Belikov,^{3,16,*} R. Bennett,⁴⁴ Y. Berdnikov,⁴⁰ M. T. Bjorndal,⁷ J. G. Boissevain,²⁶ H. Borel,⁸ K. Boyle,⁴⁴ M. L. Brooks,²⁶ D. S. Brown,³³ D. Bucher,²⁹ H. Buesching,³ V. Bumazhnov,¹⁴ G. Bunce,^{3,38} J. M. Burward-Hov,²⁶ S. Butsvik,⁴⁴ S. Campbell,⁴⁴ J.-S. Chai,¹⁸

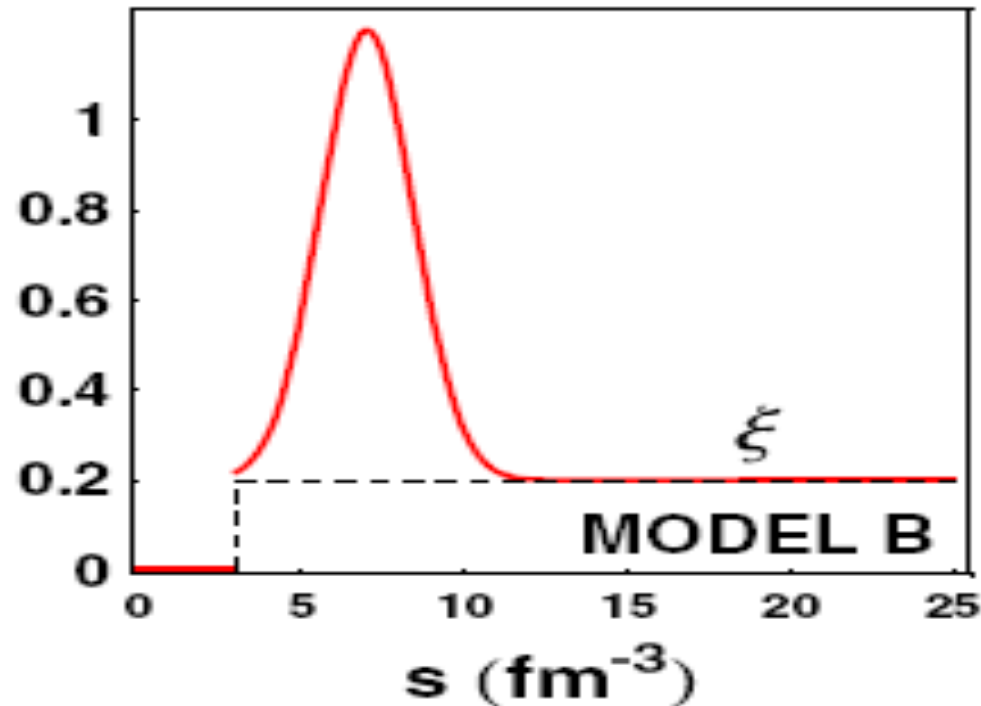
One potential resolution of the problem with energy-loss calculations not reproducing the measured azimuthal dependence of yields is a recent calculation that allowed the high- p_T parton to resonantly scatter with the medium [33], increasing the energy lost by a parton at plasma densities that correspond to temperatures near the critical temperature. This produces a sharper dependence of the energy loss on the spatial variation of the medium's energy density and hence the model is able to simultaneously reproduce both $R_{AA}(p_T)$ and $R_{AA}(\Delta\phi)$. A critical check will be to examine whether the same parameters work for the full range of collision centralities.



LATER DEVELOPMENTS

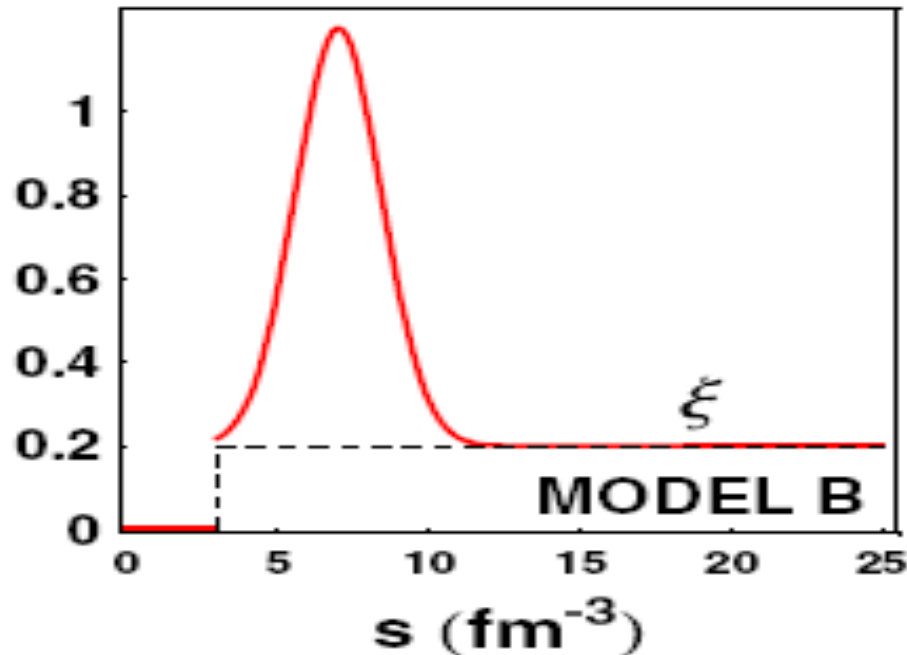
- confirmation of near T_c scenario in e.g. GLV, ASW type of jet quenching models
 - Renk-Holopainen-Heinz-Shen (arXiv:1010.1635)
 - Francesco-Di Toro-Greco (arXiv:1009.1261)
 - Fries & students (to appear)
- some near- T_c mechanism (pre-hadron loss in resonance matter; radiation of Cherenkov meson)
 - Pirner, et al (arXiv:1010.0134)
 - [Panuev, formation time $\sim 3\text{fm}$]
 - Casalderrey-Solana, et al (arXiv:1009.5937)
- alternative late-stage jet quenching via L^3 path-length dependence (holography)
 - Marquet & Renk; Jia & Wei; et al.

FROM RHIC TO LHC (NEW)

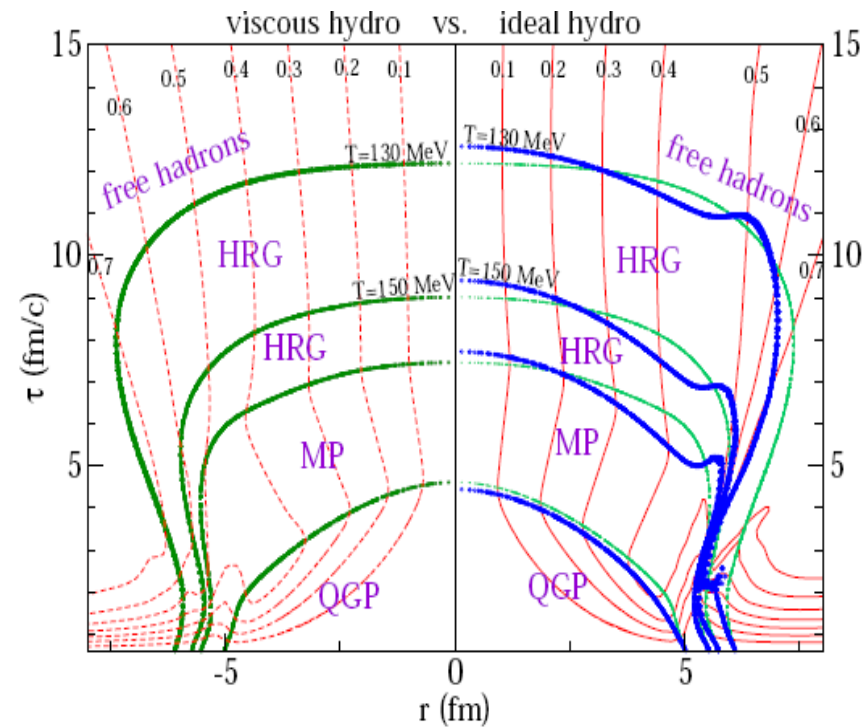


- ◆ over-quenching if one simply uses the same average “opaqueness” from RHIC
- ◆ at LHC, weighing more in much higher density
 - expect decrease of average jet-medium coupling
 - to be short, q -hat is NOT simply scaling up with ensity/
multiplicity

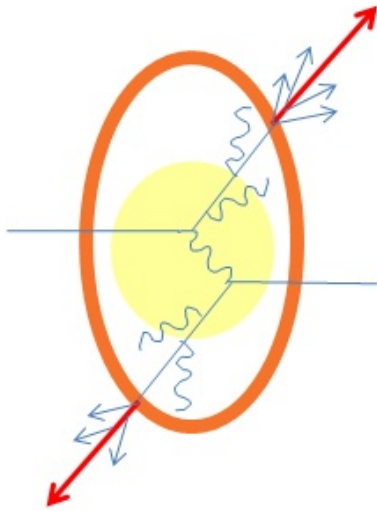
FROM RHIC TO LHC: SHIFTING TO HIGHER DENSITY



The fireball evolution weighs much more in the higher QGP phase and gets less sensitive to the near T_c region when going to the LHC.



IN THE NEW ERA OF RHIC+LHC



$$f_P = \exp \left\{ - \int_P \kappa[s(l)] s(l) l^m dl \right\}$$

$$R_{AA}(\phi) = \langle (f_P)^{n-2} \rangle_{P(\phi)}$$

Using the geometry of jet quenching at RHIC+LHC

to answer questions about the physics of jet quenching:

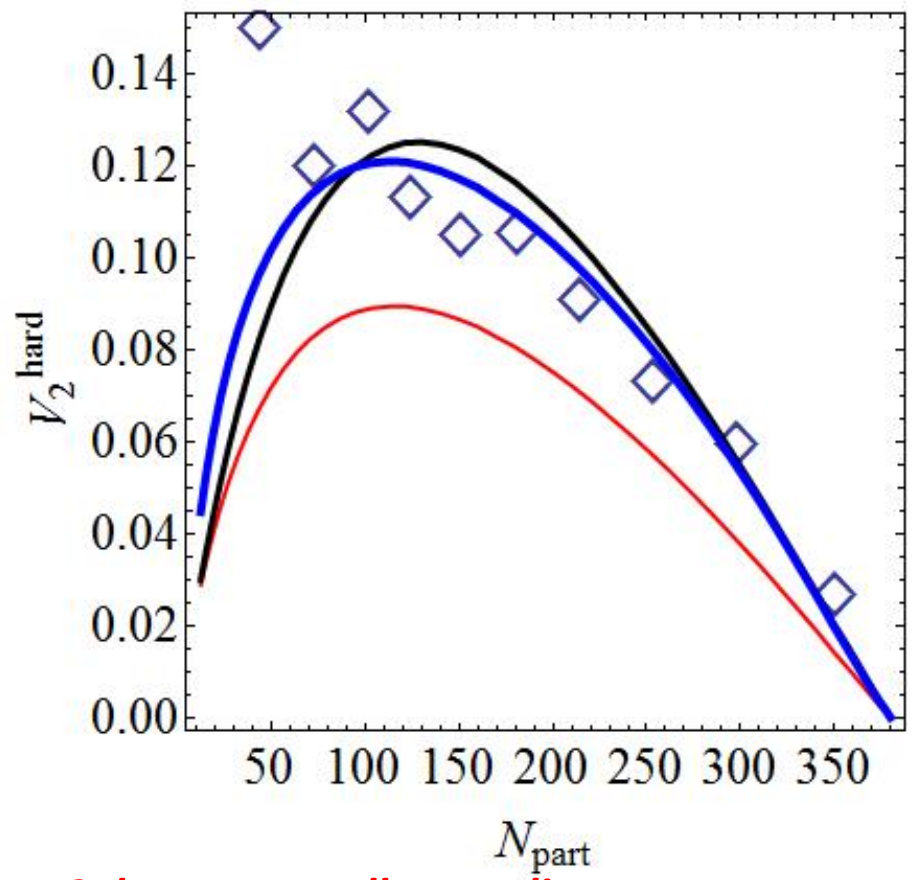
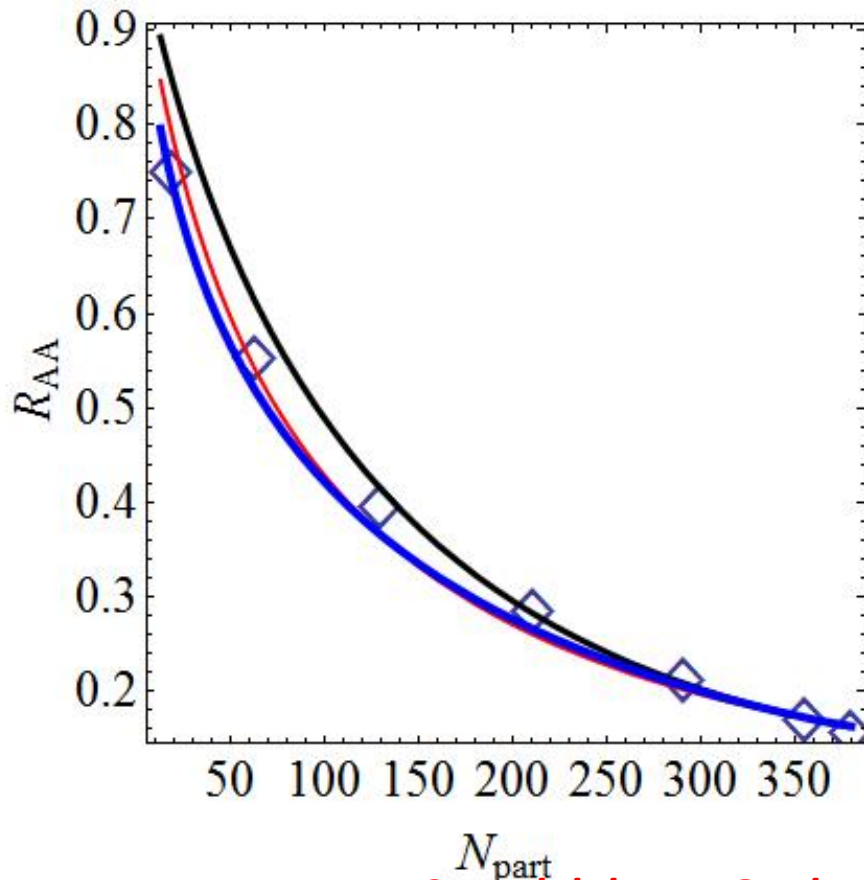
- Is the near-Tc enhancement consistent, and necessary with both the RHIC and LHC data?
- Is the path-length dependence L^2 or L^3 ?

GEOMETRIC DATA & MODELING @ RHIC

RED: L^2 model

BLUE: L^2 + Near- T_c

BLACK: L^3 model



L^2 model does NOT describe v_2 data across all centrality.

L^2 with near- T_c enhancement AND L^3 model both are OK
--- they both effectively enhance later-stage quenching!

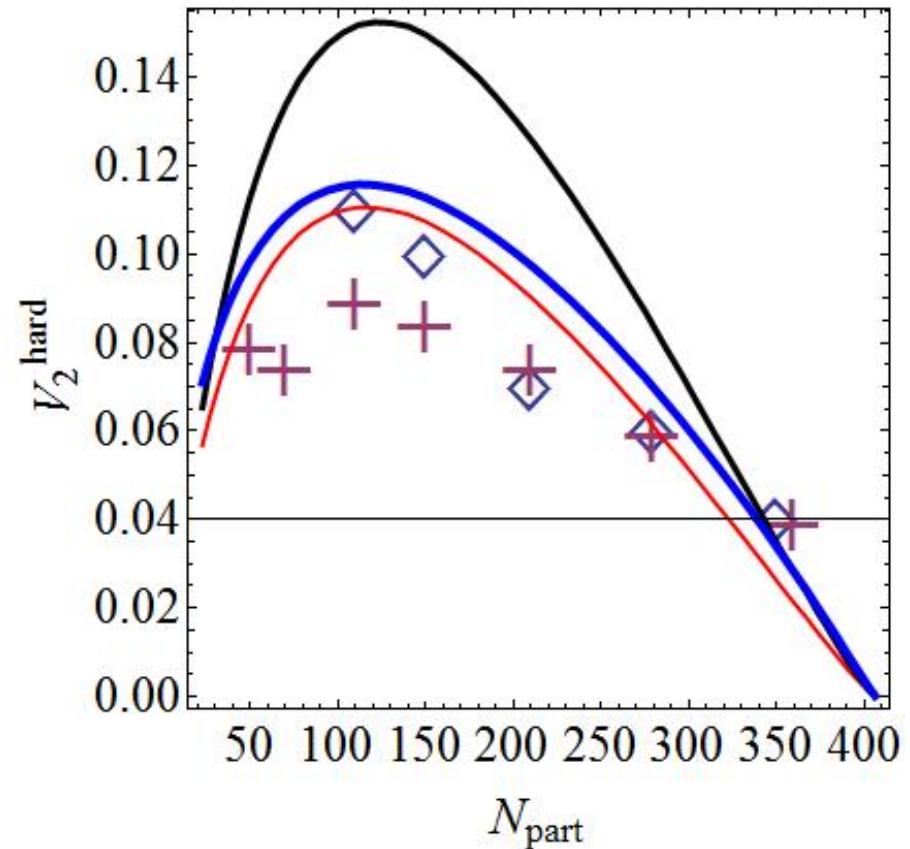
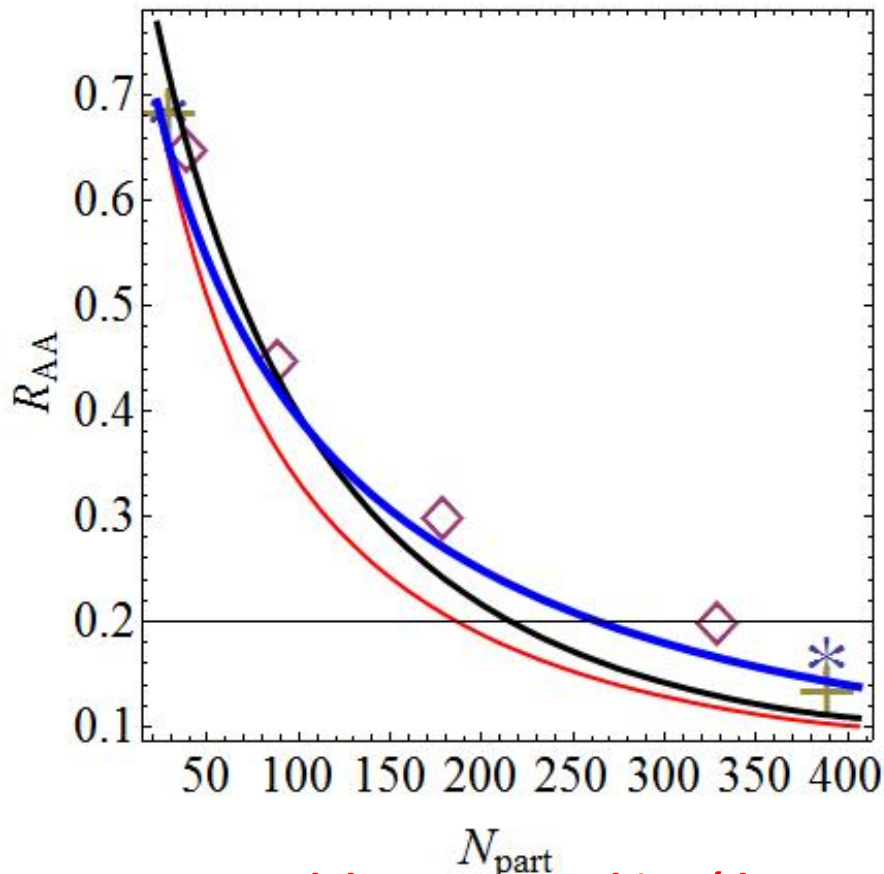
JL, arXiv:1109.0271 [nucl-th]

GEOMETRIC DATA & MODELING @ LHC

RED: L^2 model

BLUE: L^2 + Near T_c

BLACK: L^3



L^2 model : over quenching (due to strong density scaling-up); describing v_2 OK.

L^2 model : too much anisotropy (due to strong path-length power); describing R_{aa} OK.

L^2 with near- T_c enhancement: describe both R_{aa} and V_2 very well !

TOMO- V.S. MONO- V.S. HOLO- GRAPHY

- ◆ Jet quenching: geometric data provides essential test for the dynamics of jet-medium interaction.

	Raa @RHIC	V2(hard) @RHIC	Raa @LHC	V2(hard) @LHC
L² model	✓	×	×	✓
L² + near-T_c	✓	✓	✓	✓
L³ model	✓	✓	✓	×

- ◆ Precision RHIC data & preliminary LHC data together are in favor of the model with

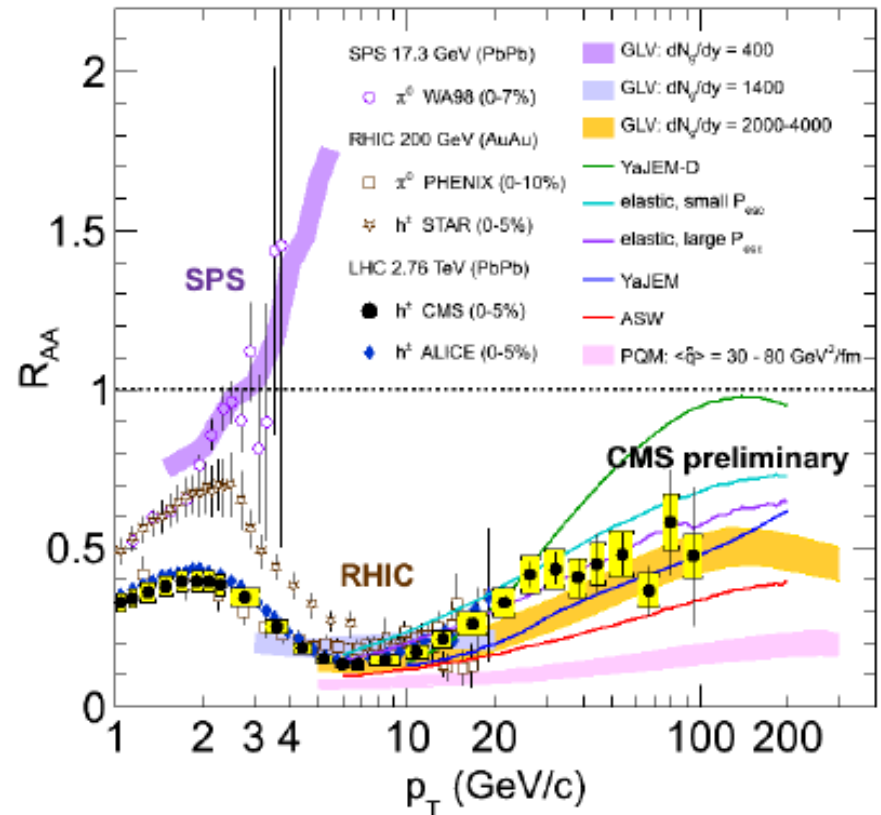
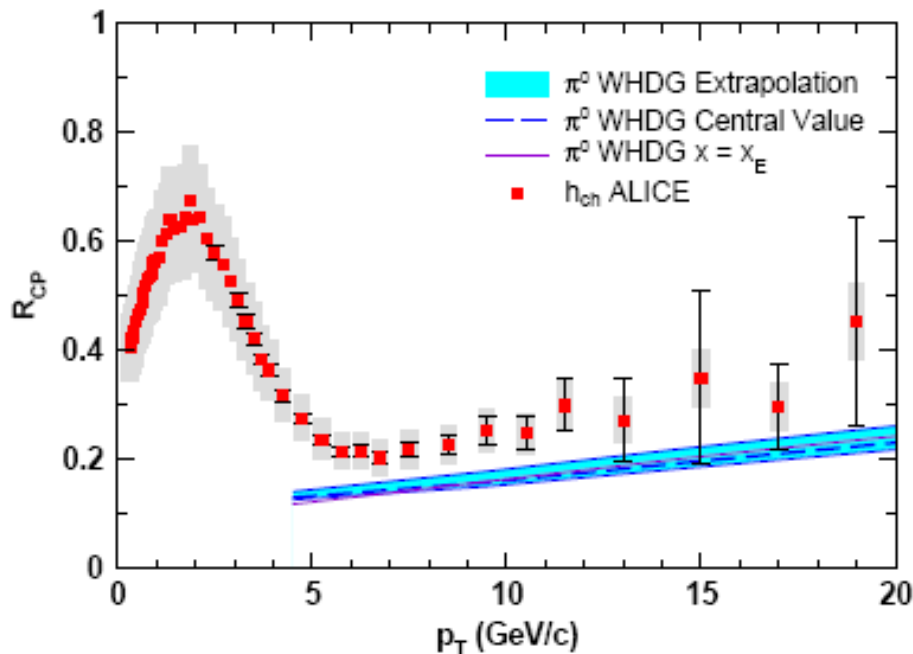
strongly enhanced jet quenching in near-T_c matter!

JL, arXiv:1109.0271 [nucl-th]

MEDIUM MORE TRANSPARENT @ LHC?!

Horowitz & Gyulassy, arXiv:1104.4958

**GLV/WHDG: “surprising transparency of sQGP at LHC”?!
(using the same coupling at RHIC and scaling up with density)**

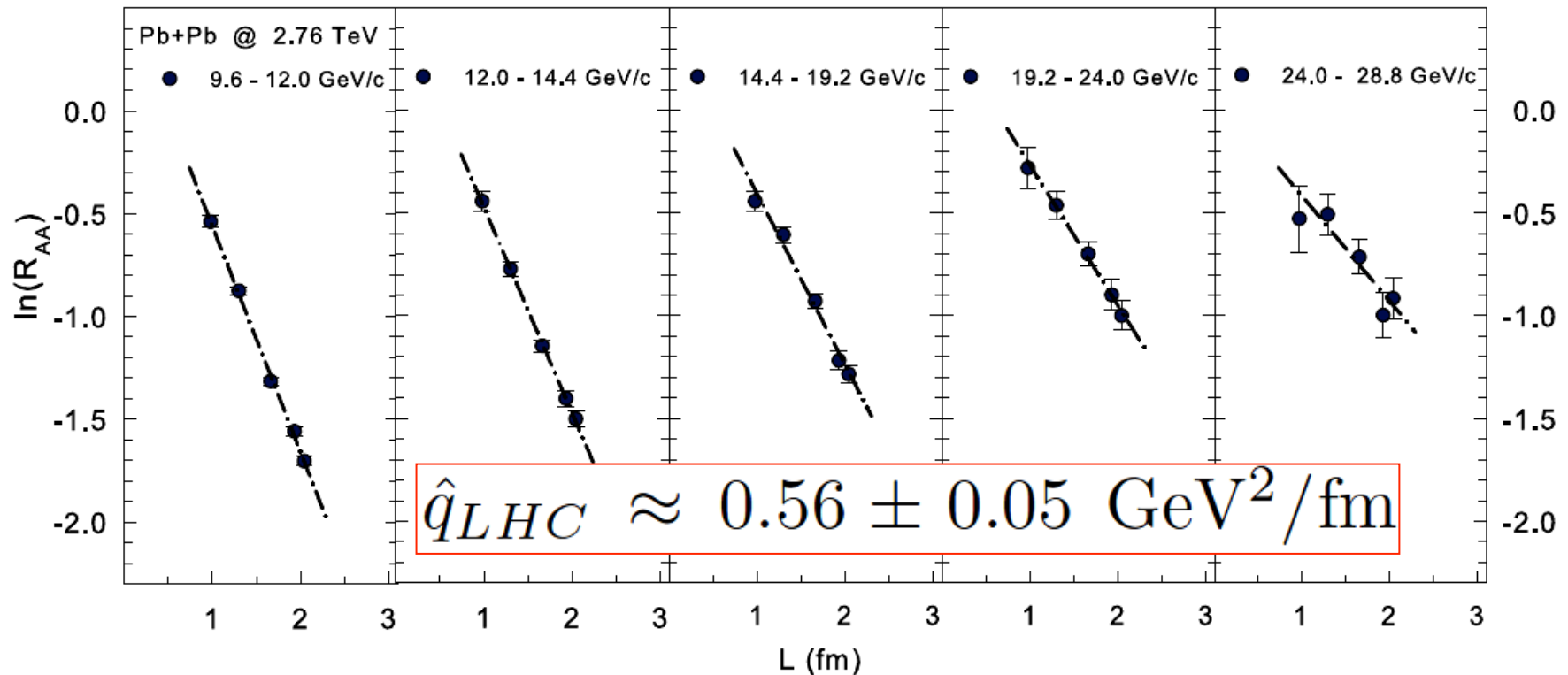


ALICE & CMS results at QM11

MEDIUM MORE TRANSPARENT @ LHC?!

Lacey, Jia, et al, arXiv:1203.3605; 1202.5537

Applying the same scaling analysis for DATA at RHIC & LHC

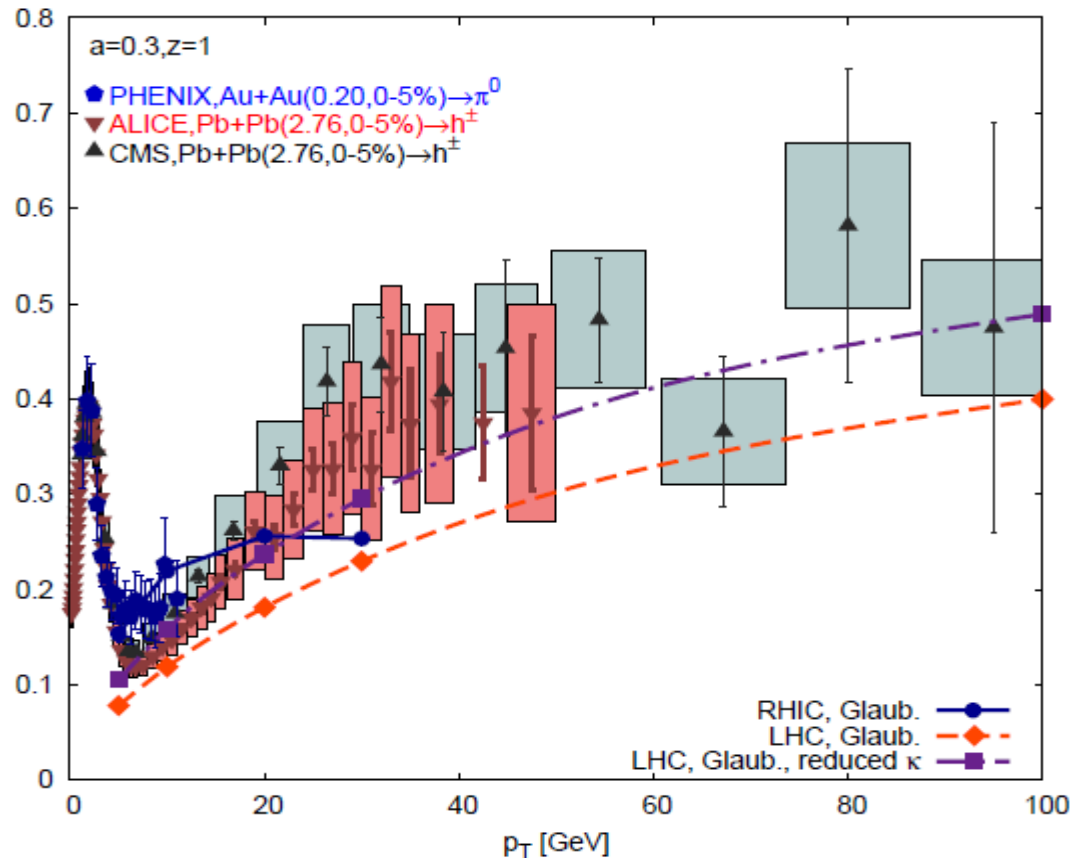


$$\hat{q}_{RHIC} \approx 0.75 \pm 0.05 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$$

**These values are fireball-average and
they FAIL to scale with density/multiplicity!!**

REDUCED JET-MEDIUM COUPLING @ LHC

Betz & Gyulassy, *arXiv:1201.0281*



- ◆ over-quenching if one simply uses the same “opaqueness” from RHIC
- ◆ reducing jet-medium coupling by factor 2 for describing LHC data

$$\kappa_{LHC} \approx (0.6 \pm 0.1) \kappa_{RHIC}$$

GLIMPSE INTO NON-PURT. RUNNING?!

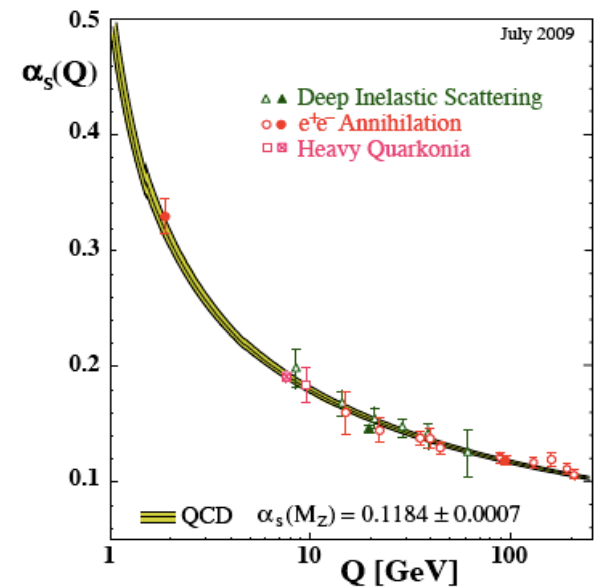
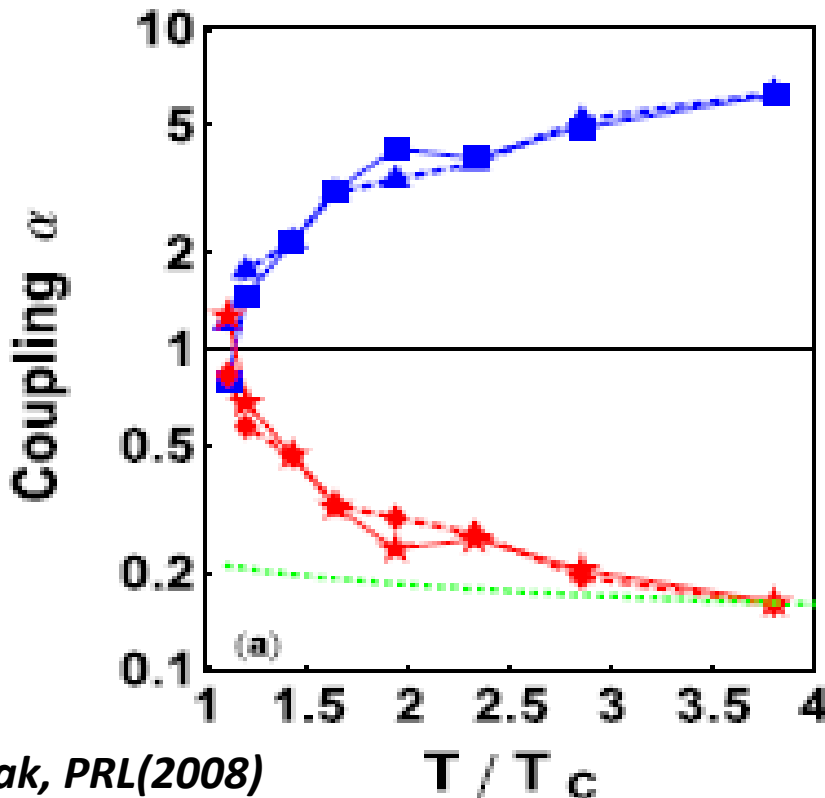
$$T \text{ (LHC)} \simeq 1.3 * T \text{ (RHIC)}$$

Betz & Gyulassy, arXiv:1201.0281:

$$\alpha \text{ (LHC)} \simeq (80 \sim 90) \% * \alpha \text{ (RHIC)}$$

Zakharov, arXiv:1105.2028

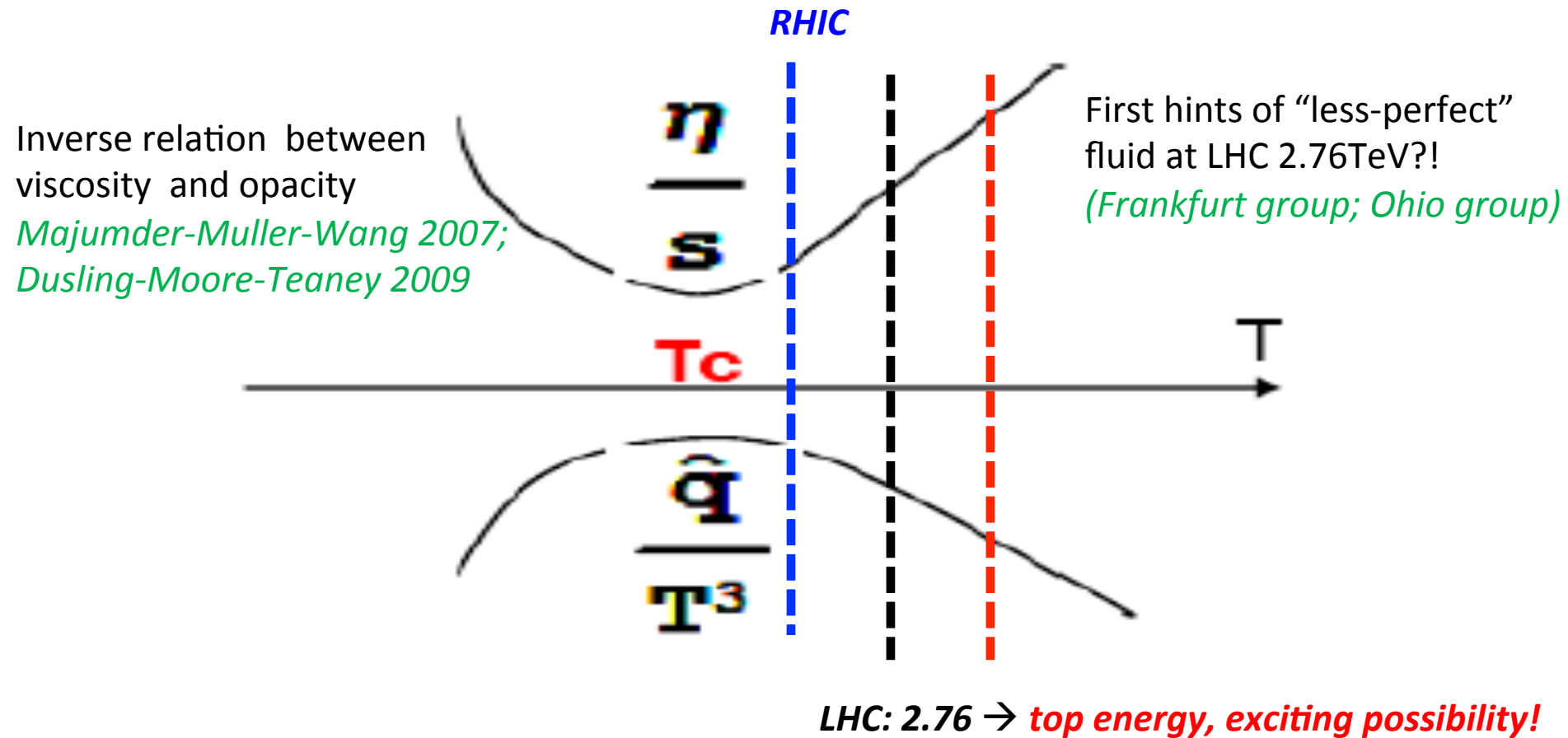
$$\alpha \text{ (LHC)} \simeq (70 \sim 80) \% * \alpha \text{ (RHIC)}$$



This is very exciting !!

LHC @ 5.5TeV:
a "big" step toward AFM?!

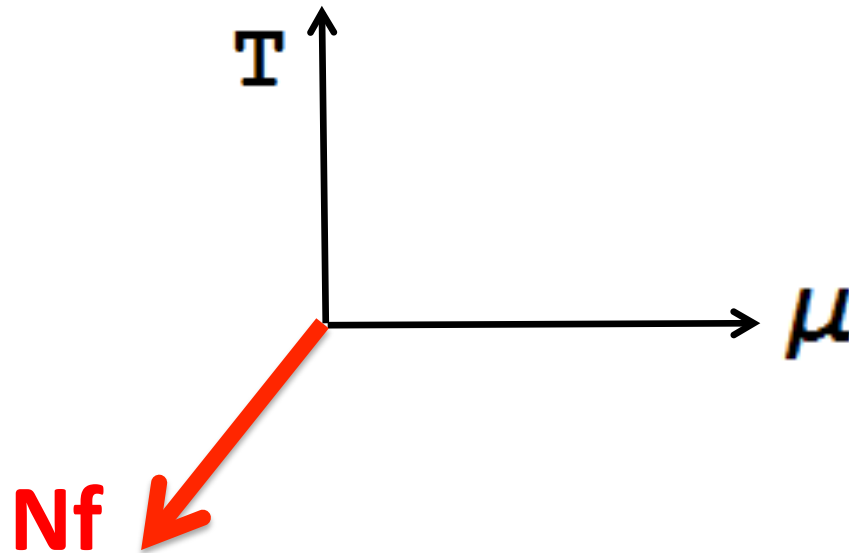
QUENCHING & VISCOSITY LINKED-UP: FROM NEAR T_c TO HIGHER T



Will we see a systematic deviation from RHIC to LHC?

Rapid change in a narrow regime $1-3T_c$.

EXPLORING ONE MORE DIMENSION OF THE PHASE DIAGRAM



ADDING LIGHT FERMIONS

- Varying the matter content in QCD-like theories:
Number of flavors; representation of the fermions
- These provide very useful information on understanding the non-Abelian gauge theory dynamics
- For example, their effects on **beta-functions**:

$$\beta(g^2) = \frac{dg^2}{d\log\mu^2} = - \left[\frac{b_0}{(4\pi)^2} g^4 + \frac{b_1}{(4\pi)^4} g^6 + \dots \right]$$

$$b_0 = \frac{11}{3}C_2(G) - \boxed{\frac{4}{3}N_f T(r)}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{34}{3}[C_2(G)]^2 - \boxed{\frac{4}{3}N_f T(r)} [5C_2(G) + \boxed{3C_2(r)}]$$

HOW ABOUT THE TRANSITION?

- Effects of light fermions on confinement transition:
very useful information for understanding its mechanism
--- recall the importance of isotope effect in superconductivity
- How the confinement transition changes with fermion flavor number and representation?
--- Lattice gauge theory already tells us a lot about it.
e.g. $N_c=3$ pure glue \rightarrow 1 flavor fun. \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3
The critical temperature drops a lot: 270MeV \rightarrow 165MeV
Or equivalent to **say the transition shifts to stronger coupling**
(Caveat: fixing scale with vacuum string tension)
- Similarly increasing from fun. to adj. to sex. the transition shifts into stronger coupling regime

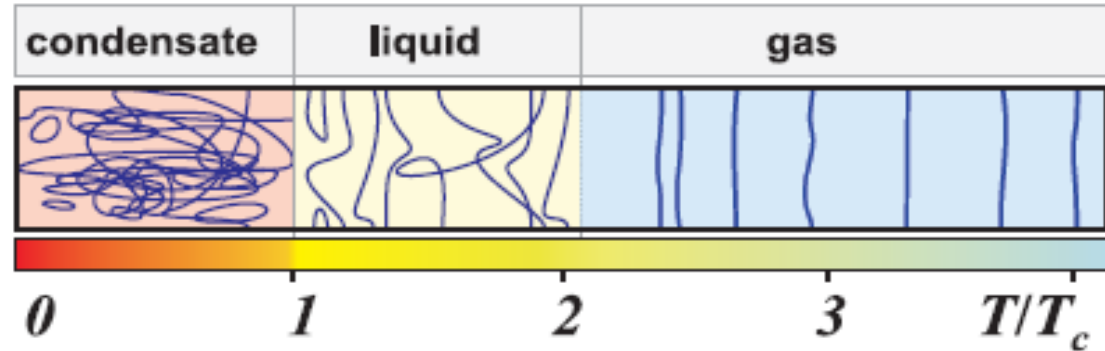
All very interesting lattice findings , question is: why so?
Can we understand these from the near T_c plasma side?

MONOPOLES JUST ABOUT TO CONDENSE

Near T_c plasma of monopoles:

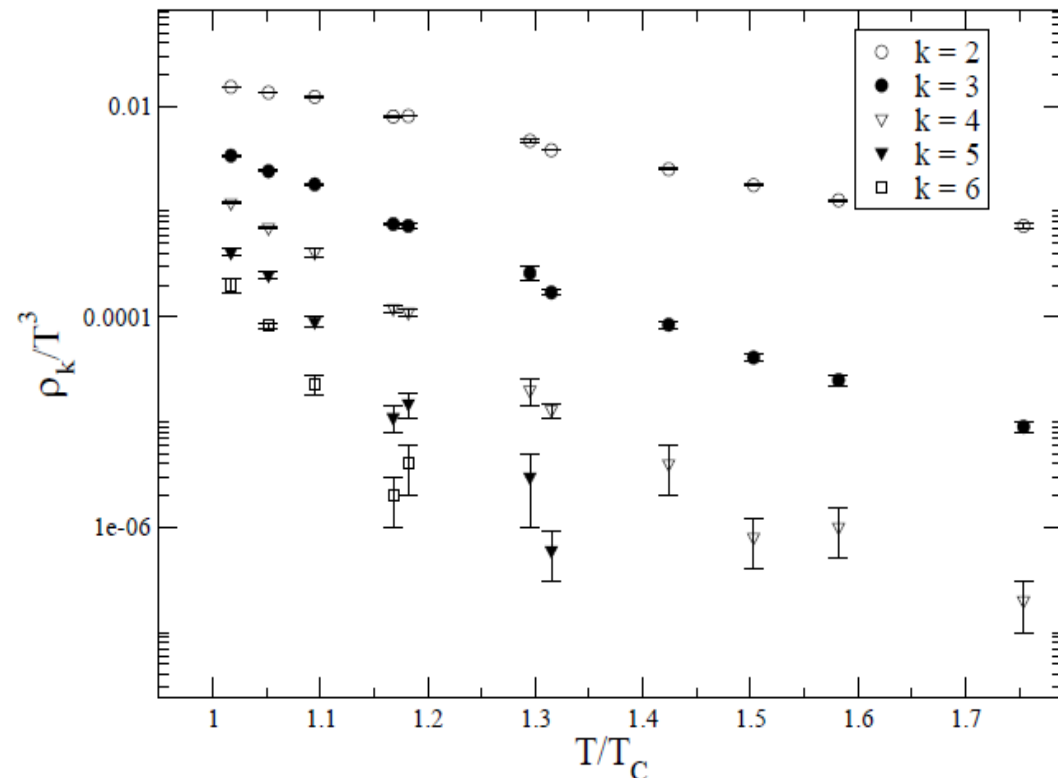
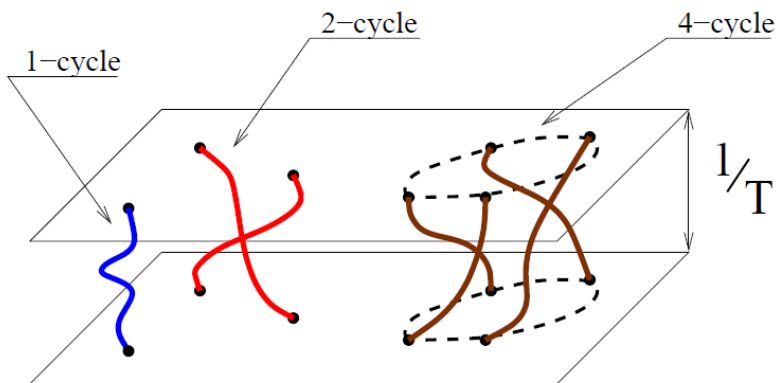
$$m^*/T \sim 1/g$$

$$n^{1/3}/T \sim g^2$$

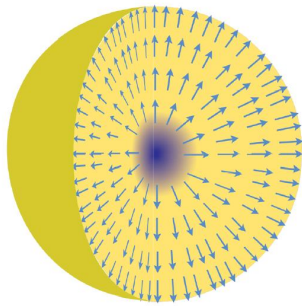


Feynman criteria for BEC:

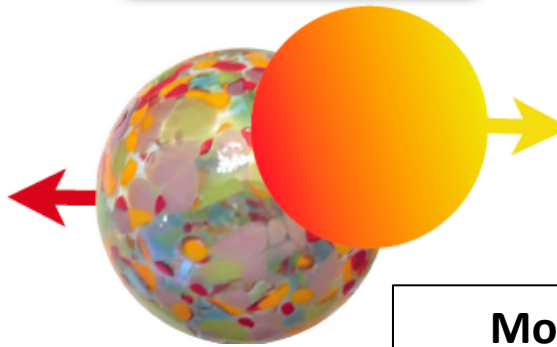
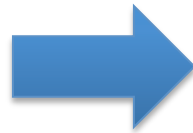
$$\left(\frac{m^*}{T}\right) \frac{(1+f)^{4N_f N_M/3}}{(n/T^3)^{2/3}} \leq \tilde{S}_c$$



EFFECT OF ADDING FERMIONS



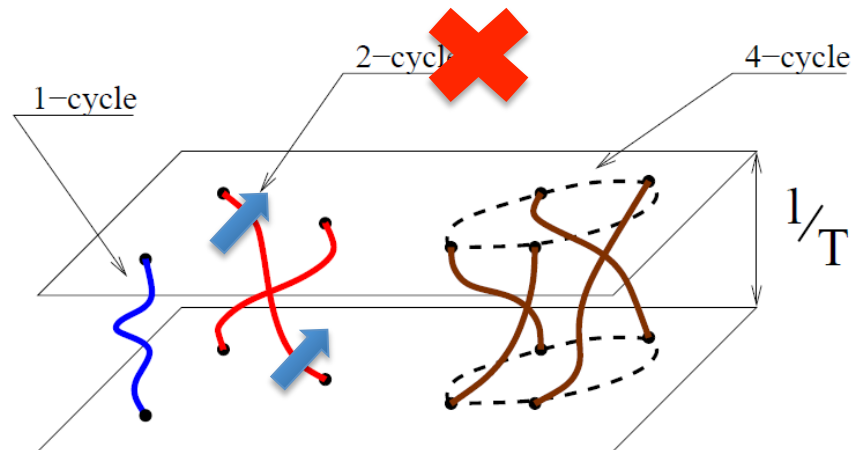
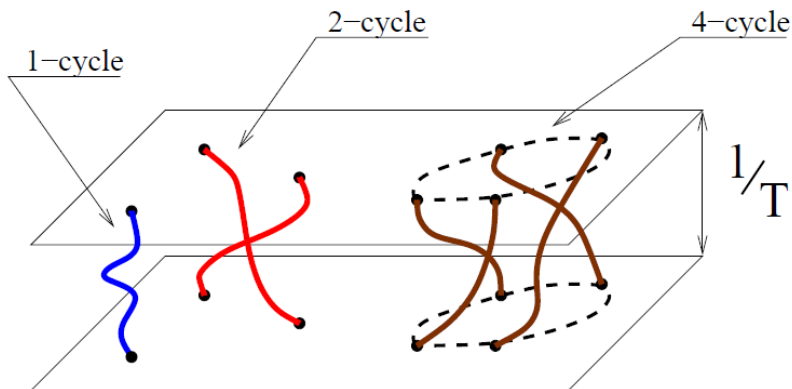
Magnetic Monopoles



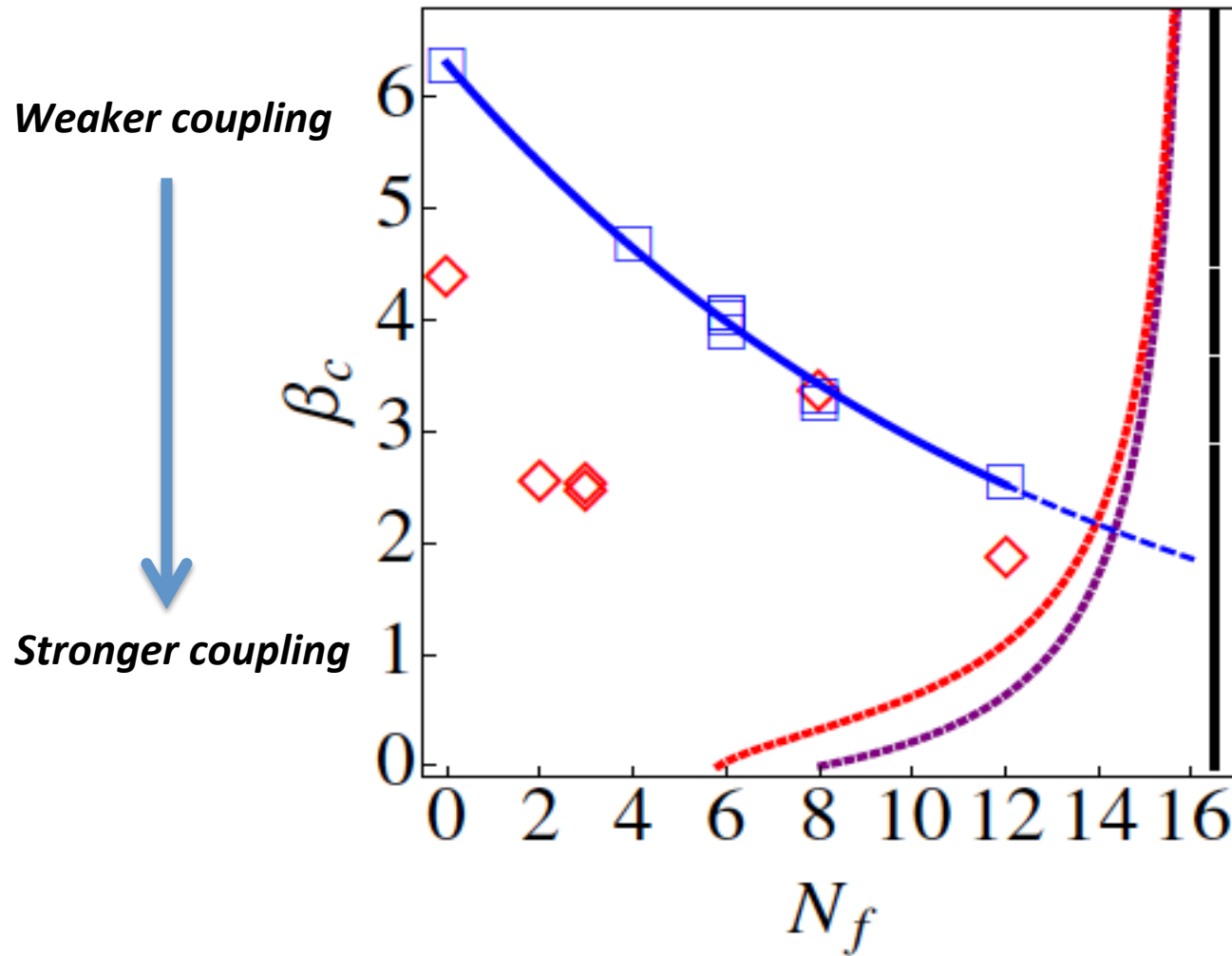
**Monopole-quark
from zero modes**

Monopole-quark states from zero modes attached to monopoles →

- **dilution of pure monopoles, i.e. decreasing density at given coupling**
- **pushing condensation point to stronger coupling**
- **the more number of zero modes $N_f \cdot N_m$, the stronger effect**



THE CRITICAL COUPLING V.S. N_f



$$\beta_c(N_f) = \beta_0(1 + f)^{-8N_f N_M/15} \quad f \approx 0.154$$

ADDITIONAL TESTS ON LATTICE

- Dependence of transition on the **B-chemical potential**:

$$\frac{\beta_c(N_f, z)}{\beta_c(N_f, z=0)} = 1 - \frac{4N_f N_M}{15} \frac{f}{(1+f)^2} z^2 + \hat{O}(z^4)$$

- Contribution of monopole-quark states to conserved charge fluctuations, i.e. various **susceptibilities**
 $z \equiv \mu_q/T$

$$\chi_2^{m-q} \approx \frac{n}{T^3} \frac{2f}{(1+f)^{N_f N_M}} \sim 0.4 - 0.8$$

- Direct “detection” of these states in the transition in dense phase of Nc=2 (without “sign problem”)?
--- Hands et al, saw a rise in “quark”-density beyond the Fermi surface simultaneously upon deconfinement (via Polyakov line) at finite density low temperature.

SUMMARY

- **Geometric tomography** provides essential information on the mechanism of jet quenching.

- **RHIC+LHC** supports a new picture on the question of

“where are jets quenched (more strongly)?”:

strong jet quenching component at late stage,

corresponding to the matter near phase boundary.

[Come to Nuclear Seminar tomorrow by Xilin Zhang on:

Hard probe of **the fluctuating geometry from RHIC to LHC** and the hard-soft correlations (**the hard ridge and the double-hump**) and geometry and fluctuations via jet quenching for **LHC at 5.5TeV]**

- **Lattice sees significant shift toward stronger coupling for confinement at large N_f : well described in the **monopole condensation scenario by mechanism of fermionic zero modes**
---- many further tests suggested for lattice study**